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Reason for Communication:	2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Topline Key Points January 28, 2020
Urgency:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Low

Communication Recipient:

- ☒ LDH/OPH Executive Leadership
- ☒ Regional Response Team including Regional Nurse Consultants
- ☒ BCP Incident Command Team
- ☒ BCP Staff
- ☐ LDH EOC Staff: Shift ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ Incident Command ☐ Section Chiefs
- ☐ H-72 Call Group
- ☒ DRC Group: ☒ Hospital ☒ EMS ☐ Nursing Home ☐ Home Health ☐ Fatality Management
- ☐ SNS Leads
- ☐ RSS Site Leads
- ☐ LA Department of Education, LA Association of Principals, LA School Nurse Organization
- ☐ LDH 50—Warehouse and Transportation Cell
- ☒ LA Tier 1 & 2 Hospitals
- ☐ LA Major Blood Banks
- ☒ LA LGBTQ Partners
- ☒ All Primary Care Healthcare Providers, BPCRH and Partnering Agencies (LRHA, LHA, LPCA), Student Health Centers at Schools of Higher Learning
- ☒ Other: Emergency Departments, Immunization Consultants, and ID EPI group

Communication Delivery Method: *To be completed by Communications Officer.*

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Message Name:	2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Topline Key Points January 28, 2020☐ EOC HAN Email**Communication Content:**

This is a message from the Louisiana Department of Health Emergency Operation Center (LDH EOC). This is a message for the Louisiana Health Alert Network (LA HAN). Please read the message below regarding Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Updated Key Points. Please share and distribute this alert concerning an outbreak of (2019-nCoV) with relevant stakeholders and partners through your own distribution channels.

- **Updated Reporting Guidance:** Healthcare providers should obtain a detailed travel history for all patients being evaluated with fever and acute respiratory illness. Patients with respiratory symptoms and a history of travel **anywhere in China** within the past 14 days should be reported to the Louisiana Office of Public Health Infectious Disease Epidemiology Hotline at 1-(800) 256-2748.

2019-nCoV Updated Key Points January 28, 2020**MAIN KEY POINTS**

- There is an expanding outbreak in China of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus abbreviated "2019-nCoV."
- This virus is spreading from person-to-person in China and cases have been detected in a number of countries internationally, including the United States at this time.
- In most instances, cases outside of China have been associated with travelers from China.
- While there have been U.S. cases of 2019-nCoV, and it's possible that some person-to-person spread with this virus will happen in the U.S., 2019-nCoV is NOT spreading in the community in the United States at this time.
- This is a rapidly changing situation and we are still learning about 2019- nCoV.
- Outbreaks like this – when a new virus is emerging to infect people – are always concerning.
 - While this situation poses a very serious public health threat, CDC believes the immediate risk to the U.S. public is low at this time.
 - Risk also depends on exposure. People exposed to ill persons are at greater risk of infection. (For example, healthcare workers and family members caring for people with 2019-CoV.)
 - However, the situation is evolving, and risk will depend on how well the virus spreads and how sick it makes people.
- The coming days and weeks are likely to bring more confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in the United States and globally, including some person-to- person spread in the United States, but the goal of the ongoing U.S. public health response is to contain this outbreak and

prevent sustained spread of 2019-nCoV in this country.

- Healthcare providers should be on the look-out for people with fever and respiratory symptoms who recently traveled from China.
- Healthcare providers caring for a 2019-nCoV patient, should follow recommended infection control procedures: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>
- Hospital laboratories are advised to order packaging materials for transport of laboratory specimens in advance.
 - Diagnostic specimens for 2019-nCoV testing require packaging and shipping as Biological Substance, Category B (UN 3373).
 - Packaging for Category B requires: Primary watertight inner receptacle, absorbent material, secondary watertight inner receptacle, and sturdy outer packaging.
 - If additional information is required regarding packaging and shipping Category B shipments, please contact the LDH OPH Laboratory at 504-458-9537.
- For updated outbreak information please visit the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak Page at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Immediately contact the Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH) Infectious Disease Epidemiology Hotline at **1-(800) 256-2748** if you suspect a patient with 2019-nCoV.

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Health Alert Requires immediate action or attention; highest level of importance

Health Advisory May not require immediate action; provides important information for a specific incident or situation

Health Update Unlikely to require immediate action; provides updated information regarding an incident or situation

HAN Info Service Does not require immediate action; provides general public health information

##This message was distributed to state and local health officers, state and local epidemiologists, state and local laboratory directors, public information officers, epidemiologists, HAN coordinators, and clinician organizations##

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